

410 IAC 33-4-5(C) For new construction, or renovation of the HVAC system, all air supplies and air returns shall be ducted. Open return plenums above ceilings are not allowed.

Rule Interpretation:

Renovations:

March 5, 2013 -Renovation of the HVAC system means a change in the central design of the system such as changing from unit ventilators to a central ducted system.

Repairs:

March 5, 2013 -For the purpose of this rule, replacement with “like kind” is considered a repair even if the new units are of different size and designed to supply a different quantity of air.

March 5, 2013 -For the purpose of this rule, relocation of existing structures is considered a repair.

March 5, 2013 -Replacement of the central air handler, even if it is a different design, is a repair when all work is in the mechanical room.

New Construction:

March 5, 2013 -New construction refers to construction of a new building or wing. Individual classrooms may be added on, and tap into existing HVAC systems that were already sized to accommodate additional rooms. If the HVAC has to be upgraded to accommodate the additional rooms this may have to be reviewed on an individual basis.